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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) The information required is furnished in the statement[a] placed on the table.

" (b) Ten tons per day.

	Year.	Production in tons.
" (c)		
	4th August 1942 to 31st March 1943 (8 months).	755
	1943-44 ..	1,233
	1944-45 ..	1,859
	1945-46 ..	2,055
	1946-47 ..	1,822
	1st April to 25th May 1947 ..	175

Particulars regarding production for the period and prior to 4th August 1942 are not available.

" (d) The Andhra Paper Mills, which were erected in 1920 worked continuously only from 1942. No information is available as regards the periods during which the mills were closed during 1920–42 and the reasons therefor. The mills stopped working from 26th May 1947. It is reported that the management closed down the mills as they were running at a loss.

" (e) Yes, Sir.

" (f) Yes, Sir. The Government appointed an authorized controller to see that the paper produced by the mills was properly accounted for and equitably distributed. As a result of this appointment, the level of production by the mills increased.

" (g) Yes, Sir.

" (h) & (i) The matter is under consideration."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" In view of the acute shortage of paper, Sir, will the Government depute an officer to consider this question and see whether Government can take over and continue this factory?"

THE HON. SRI SITHARAMA REDDI :—" I think that the matter is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask the Government, Sir, whether they have received any applications from the people of the locality who are prepared to run the factory at any time?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Some representations have been received by the Government from the people of the locality."

Coal consumed in each district in the Province.

* 135 Q.—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the total quantity of coal in all its varieties consumed by each district in the Province in 1946–47 and 1945–46, and in what

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trades and occupations and the quantities thereof in each such trade or occupation; and

(b) whether the quantity is less than the requirements of the trade or occupation, and, if so, by how much and what steps Government propose to take to increase the supply and transport of coal in all its varieties?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) A statement[a] showing the quantities of coal and coke consumed in the several districts of the Province during (i) 1945–46 and (ii) 1946–47 is laid on the table of the House. A statement of the allotment of coal and coke districtwar to the several industries is also laid on the table of the House. The quotas allotted for distribution through Provincial depots for small-scale consumers were distributed mainly to engineering concerns, foundries, oil mills, educational institutes, hotels, etc. The quota of slack coal allotted was distributed to brick kilns. The figures furnished in the statements do not include the allotments made by the Central Government direct to 'A' class industries such as textile mills and sugar factories.

" A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House showing the number of wagons allotted to the Province for the various classes of industries. In addition a quantity of 100,000 tons for tobacco flue curing in Guntur and Kistna districts and 8,080 tons for tobacco redrying factories were allotted during 1946–47.

" (b) The actual requirements are far in excess of the allocation that have been made to this Province by the Coal Commissioner. The need for increasing the allotment has been repeatedly impressed on the Central Government but they have not been able to comply with our request in view of labour troubles in coal fields and shortage of wagons."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have satisfied themselves that there are some establishments which receive quotas from the Central Government as well as from the Provincial Government? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" There are certain industries which are entitled to get their quotas from Central Government and others which are entitled to get from the Provincial Government. I take it that unless they are entitled to quotas both from the Central Government as well as from the Provincial Government, they cannot get such quotas."

Cement factories in the Province.

* 136 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cement factories now working in this Province, their names, location and capacity;

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